

Road Construction Updates



Aug. 27– Sep. 11, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize your delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety.

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and ask a ranger to help you plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: <http://www.nps.gov/seki>

Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles in the park) or on your way to the General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures. *Schedules may change with little notice.*

How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

Schedule Your Visit Carefully!

Temporary Closures at Sequoia NP

Sep. 12:

Mineral King Ranger Station Parking Lot

Sep. 12 – Oct. 20:

Mineral King Bridge Replacement– Just before the last parking area at the end of the road (Eagle Mosquito). Alternate parking at Sawtooth Trailhead.

Temporary Closures at Kings Canyon NP

Aug. 31: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Columbine Picnic Area

Sep. 1 – Sep. 2:

Grant Tree Parking, 1/2 parking open

Sep 6: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Panoramic Point Road

DAY WORK

Mon – Thu, from Aug. 29 – Sep. 1 and Tue – Thu Sep. 6 – 8:

Traffic can only pass through the construction zone every hour on the hour from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday Sep. 5: No work scheduled. 20-minute delays with flaggers/signals.

Friday, Sep. 2: Road construction ends at 12:00 p.m.

Friday, Sep. 9: Road construction ends at 2:30 p.m.

NIGHT WORK

Sundays — Fridays

Between 9 p.m. each evening through 6 a.m. each Friday, traffic can only pass thru the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.

WEEKENDS/TIMES NOT LISTED — 20 minute delays with signals/flaggers.

RVs AND TRAILERS: The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree/Giant Forest/Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet (total combined length) shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should come into the parks via Kings Canyon National Park/Hwy 180.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES: Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!